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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 7, 9 - 64, and 122 are pending in the application. In the Board decision dated March 16, 2007, as set forth on page 18 of the decision, the rejection of claims 1 - 7, 9, 42 - 45 and 61 over the combination of Huffman and Zingher and the rejection of claims 10 - 13, 15 - 17, 25 - 34, 37 - 41, 46 - 60, 62 - 64 and 122 over Hoffman, Zingher and Rogers were sustained, while the rejection of claims 14, 35, and 36 were not sustained. On page 20 of the decision, the Board sustained the rejection of claims 18 - 24 over Hoffman, Zingher, Rogers and Franklin. With respect to the second paragraph of the summary of the decision on page 20, this paragraph is inconsistent with respect to claims 35 and 36 due to an obvious clerical error. The decision clearly indicates that the Board did not sustain any rejection with respect to these claims, nor make any new rejection with respect to these claims.

By the present amendment, claims 14 and 35 have been placed into independent form. Further, claims 16 - 24 have been amended to depend from claim 14 and claims 2 - 4, 15, 25 - 34, and 37 - 41 have been amended to depend from claim 35. Still further, claims 1, 5 - 13, 42 - 64, and 122 have been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, all claims pending in the application as a result of this amendment are now allowable.

The instant application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is

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hereby invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Director determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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